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MEMORANDUM**SUBJECT: Situation in Morocco**

1. The border problem between Morocco and Algeria appears to be growing in seriousness as both sides strengthen their military positions. The conference at Tlemcen which was scheduled for 11 October has been postponed, apparently at Rabat's initiative.

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4. Settlement of the border issue by negotiation received a set back when Rabat announced on 10 October that Moroccan representatives would not attend the Tlemcen meeting scheduled for today. Moroccan minister of information Boutaleb warned in Agadir that Morocco would not settle for the "status quo" in its border demands. Earlier, Algerian spokesmen have indicated that Algeria was not prepared to yield any territory.

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